

Beno Klein As A Schoolboy



This is Beno Klein, a nephew of mine from Targu Ocna. He was the son of Iulius Klein, uncle Avram Klein's son. This was a postcard addressed to "Mr. Avram Klein, Botosani," his grandparents, and this is what he wrote: "My beloved grandparents, a memory from my first days of Secondary School. Beno I. Klein. I. October 1936."

My mother's brother was a very endowed man, as they say. His name was Avram Klein, but everybody called him Avromta. He was a tall, handsome man, and he was renowned, he was very

well read, had a Jewish culture. He observed tradition, he often went to the shil [shul]. He also performed prayers at the temple on many occasions. But he did so voluntarily, didn't receive any money for it. He was a pious person. He was about 5 years older than my mother [was born around 1870]. He had a leather shop in Botosani. My uncle died when he was around 90 [probably in the 1960's]. He died here, in Botosani, he has a monument at the cemetery together with his wife.

His wife's name was Seindl, and they had 8 children: 4 sons and 4 daughters. Clara Rintler, Saly Haimovici, Roza Flaiser, Liza Malis - these are the daughters. And these were the sons: Marcu - the youngest -, Iancu, Iulius, and ... oh my, what was his name - I can't remember it just now. They were all older than me. The youngest of them was 4-5 years older than me. All of them graduated high school. The boys were merchants, their father's trade. But not all of them lived in Botosani. Iulius lived in Targu Ocna, he too ran a leather shop. [Targu Ocna is located 82 km south-west of Bacau.] I once went to visit them, I was young back then. He had 2 sons, the name of one of them was Beno Klein.